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Remylet 1/15/75.

Instant letter is a semi-annual analysis of the present political situation in Argentina based on information provided by various office contacts. Data contained in this analysis has been made available to the interested United States Government agencies in the Buenos Aires Embassy, and accordingly it is suggested that it not be disseminated.

I. BACKGROUND OF THE PRESENT POLITICAL SITUATION IN ARGENTINA

During the past six-month period, the Argentine economy has gone from bad to worse. Rampant inflation, critical unfavorable balance of payments, lagging exports due to an unrealistically high value of the Argentine peso, shortages of prime materials, large scale distribution of currency without adequate reserves, and one of the largest Government spending sprees in history, all have brought the government of President MARIA ESTELA MARTINEZ DE PERON to the brink of economic, labor and political disaster. Increasingly, Mrs. PERON has come under the complete domination and control of her Social Welfare Minister, JOSE LOPEZ REGA. The latter, in a drive to consolidate his power, has completely isolated Mrs. PERON from other Government Ministers, the opposition political parties, labor leaders and the Military. LOPEZ REGA's performance as Social Welfare Minister and the President's Number One Man, has been both ruthless and arrogant.

During the reporting period, LOPEZ REGA manipulated the resignation of conservative, old-line Peronist Economy Minister, ALFREDO GOMEZ MORALES, replacing him with CELESTINO RODRIGO, a long-time LOPEZ REGA follower, who previously held an obscure position in LOPEZ REGA's Social Welfare Ministry. [Argentine Army Intelli-

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[gence Service (AAIS) sources advised that LOPEZ REGA is a member of the Caballeros de Fuego (Knights of Fire), a mystic society, which believes in astrology and mystic arts, including witchcraft. Not by coincidence, RODRIGO is also a member of the same cult. Unfortunately, RODRIGO's recently promulgated austerity measures were not of the occult and have brought the Government in direct open confrontation with the General Workers Confederation (CGT), the largest and most powerful labor organization in Argentina and probably in South America. RODRIGO decreed that the previously negotiated annual wage increases of between 100 to 150 percent be annulled with a 50 percent maximum increase to be granted with vague promises of an additional 15 percent increase on 10/1/75 and 1/1/76. (S) (U)

The CGT and the labor sector in general have challenged the Government, arguing that inflation, which has been conservatively estimated to have been close to 85 percent during the past year, coupled with recent price increases on most staples and gasoline, which range between 100 percent to 250 percent, makes the 50 percent increase unrealistic and unacceptable. The Minister of Labor, RICARDO OTERO, submitted his resignation during the weekend of June 28, 1975, citing health reasons. OTERO's true reason is obvious, being an old-time CGT official, his authority and credibility were shattered in labor circles by the Government's suspension of wage increases. CGT rank and file will probably not tolerate their leadership backing down and accepting RODRIGO's demands, thus the CGT leadership realize their careers are on the line. Conversely, due to terrorist tactics employed by LOPEZ REGA, CGT leadership resistance to the Government with regard to salary increases, might well cost them their lives. As of this writing, the pot continues to boil in the labor sector.

During the reporting period, LOPEZ REGA succeeded in forcing the resignation of Army Commander-in-Chief, General LEANDRO ANAYA, who resisted LOPEZ REGA's attempts to tamper with the Army. ANAYA was replaced with a more docile and viable General, ALBERTO NUMA LAPLANE. While the Army appears to be taking a passive role during the current labor-economic crisis, AAIS contacts advise that their Service has been compiling shocking evidence of high level and far-reaching immoral conduct and corruption by ranking Government officials, primarily those in the LOPEZ REGA following. Specifically, one of LOPEZ REGA's bodyguards, who also serves in Mrs. PERON's bodyguard detail, since LOPEZ REGA and the President are virtually inseparable, appeared in a photograph taken during May 1, 1975, standing behind Mrs. PERON during an official appearance at the Argentine Congress. This individual has been identified as ESTEBAN GARCIA, a Class I Drug Enforcement Administration narcotic fugitive, who is under indictment in the Eastern District of New York for conspiracy to smuggle cocaine and heroin into the United States. (S) (U)

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Another shocking example of corruption is the case of LUIS MARIA RODRIGUEZ, the recently appointed Interventor (Acting Governor) of Mendoza Province. This individual has been identified by the AAIS as a former Argentine Federal Judge, who rendered a Declaratory Judgement in the case of fugitive U. S. financier ROBERT VESCO, which held that VESCO could not be extradited from Argentina to the United States, should his extradition be requested by the United States. RODRIGUEZ was hastily retired by the Peronist Government after the VESCO Declaratory Judgement surfaced primarily through information secured by this office. The Government announced that RODRIGUEZ was bordering on senility and was not professionally competent to hold a Federal Judgeship. Eight months after being retired, RODRIGUEZ apparently has been rejuvenated and taken a refresher course in the law, since in the press accounts appearing at the time of his appointment as the Interventor of Mendoza Province, much was made of his "past brilliant legal record." Naturally, no mention was made indicating RODRIGUEZ had previously attained notoriety in the VESCO case. (S) (U)

RAUL LASTIRI, the incumbent President of the Chamber of Deputies (equivalent to the United States House of Representatives) and son-in-law of LOPEZ REGA, has been identified by the AAIS as a cocaine user and whoremonger. The foregoing are but three examples indicating the degree of corruption in Government centered around LOPEZ REGA's followers. For the time being, the Argentine Army is noting this corruption and waiting. Given the same circumstances in any other period since the ouster of JUAN DOMINGO PERON by the Army in 1955, the Army would have already moved and staged a coup. High ranking Argentine Army contacts have indicated that the Army will not move immediately unless widespread civil unrest and disturbances occur, noting that the Army wants to be sure of their ground this time before staging another coup and assuming responsibility for finding solutions to Argentina's varied complicated problems. (S) (U)

According to AAIS sources, on June 28, 1975, Argentine Navy Admiral EMILIO MASSERA, the Commander-in-Chief of the Argentine Navy, confronted Mrs. PERON and LOPEZ REGA at the Presidential residence and demanded that LOPEZ REGA immediately leave the Government, in order to defuse the critical labor-economic crisis. It is noted that a large workers demonstration sponsored by the CGT took place in front of Government House on June 27, 1975, during which the participants hurled insults at LOPEZ REGA and Economy Minister RODRIGO, demanding their removal from Government. (S) (U)

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According to AAIS sources, Admiral MASSERA was badly humiliated and after leaving the June 28, 1975, confrontation, he convoked a meeting of all active duty Argentine Navy Admirals, which was held on June 29, 1975. According to AAIS sources, ADMIRAL MASSERA offered his resignation after outlining what transpired at the June 28, 1975, confrontation. According to AAIS sources, Admiral MASSERA was extended a vote of confidence and was urged by the Admirals to continue his aggressive leadership. Thus, one can see that all is not calm in the Argentine military sector. (S) (U)

Perhaps, sensing the current vulnerability of the Government due to critical labor unrest, the Argentine Senate appears to have again found its manhood by setting in motion the necessary procedures to secure the vacant seat of the Senate Provisional President, which has been unoccupied since the April, 1975, resignation of JOSE ANTONIO ALLENDE. Peronist Senators and FREJULI (Peronist Electoral Coalition) Senators were ordered by Mrs. PERON, i.e. LOPEZ REGA, not to vote to secure the vacancy as required by the Argentine Constitution, inasmuch as the line of Presidential succession goes directly from the President to the Provisional President of the Senate, since there is no incumbent Vice President, inasmuch as this position was vacated by Mrs. PERON, when she assumed the Presidency after the death of her husband on July 1, 1974. By not filling the Provisional Senate President's post, the line of Presidential succession goes directly from the President to the President of the Chamber of Deputies, RAUL LASTIRI, LOPEZ REGA's son-in-law. Senate defiance of Mrs. PERON and LOPEZ REGA is a direct and heretofore unthinkable challenge of Presidential authority.

The Radical Civic Union (UCR) is the major non-Peronist political party in Argentina. The UCR recently ended their "loyal opposition" posture when its leader, RICARDO BALBIN, spoke out against Government policies during a press conference on June 16, 1975, specifically condemning serious leftist and rightist terrorism and Government manipulation of the news media.

Terrorism, which has plagued the Peronist Government since the death of JUAN DOMINGO PERON last year, was highlighted by the announced world record sixty million dollar ransom paid to the Montonero guerrilla organization during June, 1975, for the release of the BORN brothers, who were kidnapped during September, 1974. [AAIS sources report that the Peoples Revolutionary] (S) (U)

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(U) [Army (ERP) guerrilla organization, has been operating in Tucuman in northwest Argentina with two Bell Cobra helicopters and have been frustrating and harassing Argentine Army counter-terrorist operations in that mountainous jungle area. The Embassy Defense Attache reported that the Argentine Army recently approached his office in order to check into the possibility of acquiring ~~the~~ surface-to-air missiles on an emergency basis, in order to bring down the ERP helicopters. Terrorist murders, bombings and kidnappings continue to be an everyday fact of life in Argentina.]

Thus the two problems facing Mrs. PERON outlined in remylet continue to hang as an albatross around her neck, namely the Argentine economy and LOPEZ REGA. During the current reporting period, Mrs. PERON has acquired three new problem areas--the Argentine Senate, which admittedly is a lesser and probably manageable problem, the labor and union sectors, which is certainly the greatest and most dangerous problem, which if not defused might well threaten the stability of the Government, and last but not least, the Argentine military, which has the power, but at present not the desire, to terminate the PERON-LOPEZ REGA dynasty.

II. FRIENDLINESS OF ARGENTINA TO THE UNITED STATES

Argentina continues to maintain correct relations toward the United States. In an obvious attempt to attract urgently needed investment funding and to loosen the purse strings of world lending institutions, Economy Minister RODRIGO announced in mid-June, that multi-national corporations were necessary for Argentina's development and indicated that these heretofore unwelcome enterprises would now be received with open arms. Although RODRIGO's pronouncements regarding multi-national corporations appears to be a crack in the government's nationalistic foundation, the Government will nonetheless continue its so-called nationalistic and anti-imperialist posture as defined in JUAN DOMINGO PERON's famous Third Position. Commenting on this posture, one ex-Government Minister recently observed that the most serious enemy of the Argentine economy was not imperialism but stupidity.

III. INFILTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT BY ANTI- U. S. INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS

The Federal Police of Argentina (FPA) and AAIS sources report that great strides have been made in eliminating Marxist (S) (U)

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infiltrators in the Peronist Government. These sources advise that the overwhelming majority of Peronist Government officials, while not being Marxists, lean heavily toward nationalistic-socialism. As noted under the first section of this report, many Government officials are corrupt and use their offices to further their personal fortunes. (S) (U)

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IV. ~~IDENTITIES~~ OF ANTI-UNITED STATES GROUPS

These groups have been identified in numerous previous semi-annual reports under the above captioned submitted by this office. No noteworthy changes in the description of these groups have taken place. As noted in remylet, the Peronist Youth Revolutionary Tendency continues to be the largest anti-United States group in Argentina. For the first time in many years, the Universities have been quiet during the past semester due to severe Government restrictions in the University sector and the weeding out of Marxist Professors and students.

The Montoneros and the ERP are the two most dangerous groups operating in Argentina today. Both groups have the capacity to carry out spectacular guerrilla operations and while important gains have been made by the Argentine Government in the anti-terrorist campaign, the leadership of both groups remains intact.

[redacted] the ERP is currently planning to kidnap an official of the U. S. Embassy in Buenos Aires, in order to exchange him for captured ERP prisoners. In spite of continued guerrilla operations in Argentina, the participating guerrilla organizations in no way pose a threat to the stability of the Government. (S) (U)

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ON AUGUST 13, 1975, CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT AT APPROXIMATELY 5:15 P.M. ON AUGUST 13, 1975, A TERRORIST ATTEMPT WAS MADE AGAINST CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO ARGENTINA EMILIO ARAGONES NAVARRO WHEN HE WAS RETURNING TO THE CUBAN EMBASSY LOCATED IN BELGRANO IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL. THE SOURCE ADVISED THAT AMBASSADOR ARAGONES WAS TRAVELING IN HIS OFFICIAL CAR, WHICH WAS ACCOMPANIED BY ANOTHER CUBAN EMBASSY VEHICLE DRIVEN BY THE CUBAN REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CUBAN FISHING INSTITUTE, SANTIAGO ALBIZA, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY AN ATTACHE ASSIGNED TO THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES, FULGENCIO HERNANDEZ FALCON.

SOURCE ADVISED THAT AMBASSADOR ARAGONES' CHAUFFEUR NOTED
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A CAR WITH ITS MOTOR IDLING WAITING NEAR THE ENTRANCE TO THE CUBAN EMBASSY. SOURCE ADVISED THAT AMBASSADOR ARAGONES' CHAUFFEUR BELIEVED THE THREE OR FOUR OCCUPANTS OF THIS VEHICLE WERE ACTING IN A SUSPICIOUS MANNER AND THEREFORE ACCELERATED RAPIDLY IN ORDER TO ^{GAIN} ~~ATTAIN~~ THE SANCTUARY OF THE GROUNDS OF THE CUBAN EMBASSY. SOURCE ADVISED THAT IMMEDIATELY UPON NOTING THAT AMBASSADOR ARAGONES' VEHICLE WAS ACCELERATING, THE UNIDENTIFIED OCCUPANTS OF THE WAITING AUTOMOBILE ^{HASTILY} ~~FIRED~~ AT AMBASSADOR ARAGONES' VEHICLE AS WELL AS THE CUBAN EMBASSY VEHICLE CONTAINING ALBIZA AND HERNANDEZ. THE SOURCE NOTED THAT THE UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALS FIRED UPON THE TWO CUBAN EMBASSY VEHICLES WITH WHAT WITNESSES DESCRIBED AS LONG BARRELED WEAPONS AND A MACHINE GUN. SOURCE ADVISED THAT AMBASSADOR ARAGONES' VEHICLE WAS NOT TOUCHED BY THE GUNFIRE; HOWEVER, THE CUBAN EMBASSY VEHICLE CARRYING ALBIZA AND HERNANDEZ HAD ^T HIS WINDSHIELD SHOT OUT AND RECEIVED SEVERAL BULLET HOLES IN THE COACH WORK. SOURCE ADVISED THAT THERE WERE NO INJURIES

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SUSTAINED AS A RESULT OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED INCIDENT.
SOURCE STATED THAT THE VEHICLE CONTAINING THE UNIDENTIFIED
ASSAILANTS RAPIDLY DEPARTED THE AREA AND THAT THERE ARE NO
CLUES OR LEADS AS TO THE IDENTITY OF THE ASSAILANTS.

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ADMINISTRATIVE - SOURCE IS COMISARIO INSPECTOR JUAN CARLOS
GATTEI, CHIEF OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL POLICE
OF ARGENTINA, WHO REQUESTED THAT HIS IDENTITY NOT BE DISCLOSED.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE MIAMI, NEW YORK AND NEWARK
AND REQUEST THESE OFFICES TO ALERT CUBAN EXILE SOURCES CONCERNING
THE ABOVE MATTER. IT IS NOTED THAT ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA (BUFILE
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TERRORIST GROUP, HAS BEEN REPORTED BY SEVERAL MIAMI AND NEWARK
CUBAN EXILE SOURCES TO BE RESIDING IN SANTIAGO, CHILE, SINCE
DECEMBER 1974. ACCORDING TO THESE SOURCES, THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT
ALLEGEDLY HAS PROVIDED BOSCH WITH A CHILEAN PASSPORT AND AUTHORIZED
HIM AND OTHER CUBAN EXILES TO CARRY OUT TERRORIST ACTIVITIES FROM
AGAINST CUBAN DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES, USING
CHILE AS THEIR BASE OF OPERATIONS.

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On 8/25/75, a ranking official of the Federal Police of Argentina (FPA) Intelligence Service provided the following information regarding the recent death of Montonero leader MARCOS OSATINSKY in Cordoba: (S) (U)

According to the FPA delegation in Cordoba, OSATINSKY, whose Montonero code name was "SANTIAGO," was picked up approximately three weeks ago by Cordoba Provincial Police and members of Governor LACABANNE's Security Detail. OSATINSKY was severely tortured by members of Governor LACABANNE's Security Detail over an extended period of time; however, he refused to divulge any information. OSATINSKY was in such bad shape that it became obvious he would have to be killed rather than produce him alive since the marks of torture would be obvious. In order to dispose of OSATINSKY, whose detention was known among extremists in Cordoba, it was decided to stage his assassination in connection with a fictitious rescue attempt. Three Cordoba Provincial Police Officers volunteered to take part in the charade with the understanding they would have to submit to being slightly wounded during the performance. (S) (U)

The hijacking of the hearse transporting OSATINSKY's body from Cordoba to Tucuman was not carried out by the Montoneros as indicated in the press, but by the same members of Governor LACABANNE's Security Staff, who had tortured OSATINSKY. The purpose of stealing his body was to prevent the body from being subjected to an autopsy, which would have clearly shown that he had been tortured. It is doubtful that OSATINSKY's body will ever turn up. (S) (U)

Attached is a photograph of OSATINSKY taken during 1973 at Rawson Prison. (S) (U)

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A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD ADVISED THAT IN THE MIDST OF A POLITICAL CRISIS IN ARGENTINA ORIGINATING WITH DISSATISFACTION WITHIN THE ARGENTINE ARMY OVER THE RECENT DESIGNATION OF AN ACTIVE DUTY ARMY OFFICER AS THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS CARRIED OUT APPROXIMATELY FORTY ACTS OF TERRORISM DURING THE PERIOD BETWEEN THE LATE EVENING OF AUGUST 26, 1975 AND THE EVENING OF AUGUST 27, 1975. SOURCE NOTED THAT DURING THE EVENING OF AUGUST 27, 1975, TERRORISTS CARRIED OUT AN INCENDIARY ATTACK AGAINST THE SPANISH DAILY NEWSPAPER, "LA NACION", WHICH IS LOCATED ONE BLOCK FROM THE U. S. EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES. IN ADDITION, THE SOURCE NOTED THAT TERRORISTS CARRIED OUT A BOMBING ATTACK AGAINST THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES DURING THE EVENING OF AUGUST 27, 1975.

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A SECOND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD REPORTED THAT TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE DURING THE EVENING OF AUGUST 27, 1975 INCLUDED A BOMBING ATTACK AGAINST THE RESIDENCE OF A FORD MOTOR COMPANY EXECUTIVE IN VILLA BALLESTER AND AGAINST AN AUTOMOBILE SHOWROOM OF THE DODGE (CHRYSLER CORPORATION) IN LANUS.

SOURCES NOTED THAT THERE WERE NO PERSONAL INJURIES AS A RESULTS OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED TERRORIST ATTACKS.

THE FIRST SOURCE ADVISED THAT UNIDENTIFIED TERRORISTS ABDUCTED AN EMPLOYEE OF THE TRANSAX AXLE COMPANY, A SUBSIDIARY OF THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY IN CORDOBA, ARGENTINA ~~ON~~ AUGUST 27, 1975 (S) (U)

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FIRST SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR JORGE CROVETTO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY, FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA. (S) (U)

THE SECOND SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR OSVALDO DE BALDRICH, DIRECTOR, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE, INTELLIGENCE SERVICE. END.

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ON 8/28/75, a confidential source abroad ADVISED
THAT AN ARGENTINE HERCULES C-130 MILITARY AIRCRAFT
EXPLODED THIS AFTERNOON, 8/28/75, WHILE TAKING OFF FROM
TUCUMAN IN NORTHERN ARGENTINA. THE SOURCE ADVISED THAT
INITIAL REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE EXPLOSION WAS
CAUSED BY A TERRORIST CONTACT MINE PLACED ON THE RUNWAY,
IN ORDER THAT IT WOULD EXPLODE WHEN THE AIRCRAFT PASSED
OVER IT. SOURCE ADVISED THAT PRELIMINARY REPORTS FROM
TUCUMAN IN NORTHERN ARGENTINA INDICATE THAT OVER TWENTY
ARGENTINE ~~ARMY~~ ^{MILITARY + POLICE} PERSONNEL WERE KILLED IN THE HOLOCAUST.
SOURCE NOTED THAT TUCUMAN HAS BEEN THE SCENE OF
ARGENTINE ~~ARMY~~ ^{GOVERNMENT} ANTI-GUERRILLA OPERATIONS FOR THE
PAST SIX MONTHS, AND THAT NUMEROUS GUERRILLAS HAVE
BEEN KILLED BY THE ~~ARGENTINE ARMY~~ ^{GOVERNMENT FORCES}. (S) (U)

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A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED THAT DURING THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 30TH TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1975 THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE, ACTING IN CONCERT WITH THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (AAIS), CARRIED OUT A SERIES OF IMPORTANT RAIDS AGAINST THE ARGENTINE EXTREMIST TARGETS IN BUENOS AIRES AND BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE. SOURCE NOTED THAT SEVERAL TERRORISTS BELONGING TO THE FUERZAS ARMADAS DE LIBERATION (ARMED FORCES OF LIBERATION) (FAL), AN ARGENTINE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, WERE KILLED IN PILAR, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE.

ADDITIONALLY, THE SOURCE NOTED THAT THROUGH AN ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE PENETRATION AGENT, AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FIGURE OF THE EJERCITO REVOLUCIONARIO DEL PUEBLO (PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY) (ERP) WAS EXTRALEGALLY DETAINED AND IS UNDERGOING

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SEVERE INTERROGATION.

SOURCE NOTED THAT IN WHAT IS BELIEVED TO BE RETALIATION AGAINST THE BAPP AND THE ARGENTINE ARMY, MEMBERS OF THE ERP ASSASSINATED THE BAPP CHIEF OF INVESTIGATIONS IN LA PLATA, THE CAPITAL OF BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE, DURING THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1975. ADDITIONALLY, DURING THIS ATTACK SOURCE REPORTED THAT A BAPP OFFICER WAS SEVERELY WOUNDED. SOURCE REPORTED THAT ALMOST SIMULTANEOUSLY TO THE ATTACK CARRIED OUT AGAINST THE BAPP OFFICIAL, THE ERP AMBUSHED AN ARGENTINE ARMY TRUCK CARRYING ARMS AND ASSASSINATED AN ARGENTINE ARMY SERGEANT.

SOURCE REPORTED THAT ANOTHER ATTACK CARRIED OUT BY ARGENTINE TERRORISTS TOOK PLACE DURING THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1975 IN AVELLANEDA, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE, WHEN IT CARRIED OUT A COORDINATED BAZOOKA ATTACK AGAINST A FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA RESIDENT AGENCY. SOURCE REPORTED THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES AS A RESULT OF THE LATTER ATTACK.

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ADMINISTRATIVE. SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR OSVALDO DE BALDRICH, CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE, BAPP.

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TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

ON SEPTEMBER 7, 1975, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS
A RAKING OFFICIAL WITH THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA),
PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

IN ORDER TO COMMEMORATE THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ISSUANCE OF A DECLARATION OF WAR BY THE MONTONERO GUERRILLA
ORGANIZATION AGAINST THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT, THE MONTONEROS
CARRIED OUT VARIOUS BOMBING ATTACKS IN BUENOS AIRES AND OTHER
MAJOR ARGENTINE CITIES ON SEPTEMBER 6, 1975. [A BOMB WAS
DISCOVERED AND DEACTIVATED BY FPA BOMB EXPERTS IN THE READING
ROOM OF THE PLAZA HOTEL IN DOWNTOWN BUENOS AIRES. ADDITIONALLY,
A BOMB WAS DEACTIVATED BY FPA BOMB SQUAD EXPERTS AT THE MOLINO
CAFETERIA, WHICH IS LOCATED ONE HALF BLOCK FROM THE ARGENTINE
CONGRESS BUILDING AND IS PATRONIZED BY A LARGE NUMBER OF
ARGENTINE LEGISLATORS. OTHER BOMBS DETONATED AT THE NATIONAL] ~~(S)~~ (U)

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[COLLEGE OF BUENOS AIRES AND THE ARGENTINE WINE PRODUCERS
ASSOCIATION IN BUENOS AIRES. NUMEROUS OTHER BOMBINGS TOOK
PLACE IN THE PROVINCIAL CAPITALS OF MENDOZA, CORDOBA AND SANTA
FE.] (S) (U)

IN THE TWENTY-FOUR HOUR PERIOD PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 7, 1975,
FIFTEEN INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING A CORDOBA PROVINCIAL POLICE
OFFICER, AN ARMY LIEUTENANT AND ENLISTED MAN, DIED AS A RESULT
OF VIOLENCE CARRIED OUT BY RIGHT-WING EXTREMISTS AND GUERRILLAS.

ON SEPTEMBER 7, 1975, AN ARGENTINE ARMY SENTRY FIRED
UPON A SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE IN LA PLATA, THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL
OF BUENOS AIRES, KILLING THREE INNOCENT PERSONS WHO HAPPENED TO
BE PASSING BY AN ARGENTINE ARMY INSTALLATION.

DURING THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 7, 1975, THE MONTONEROS
HIJACKED A MITRE RAILROAD PASSENGER TRAIN EN ROUTE TO THE
FEDERAL CAPITAL.

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ADMINISTRATIVE. [SOURCE IS COMISARIO GENERAL JORGE CROVETTO,
DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL SECURITY, FPA.] (S) (U)

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ACTIVITIES; FPM - ARGENTINA.

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS AN OFFICIAL WITH THE
FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA) ADVISED THAT DURING THE
AFTERNOON OF 9/8/75, A POWERFUL BOMB EXPLODED IN AN AUTOMOBILE
PARKED IN FRONT OF THE ECONOMIC SCIENCE FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY
OF BELGRANO IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL. SOURCE NOTED THAT THE
AUTOMOBILE, WHICH WAS UNOCCUPIED, WAS PARKED DIRECTLY ACROSS THE
STREET FROM THE JAPANESE EMBASSY AND THE RESIDENCE OF THE
AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR TO ARGENTINA. SOURCE REPORTED THAT ONE
PERSON WAS KILLED AND FOUR SERIOUSLY INJURED AS A RESULT OF
THE DETONATION. SOURCE ALSO NOTED THAT A GUARDHOUSE IN FRONT
OF THE JAPANESE EMBASSY SUFFERED STRUCTURAL DAMAGE AND THAT
TWENTY CARS PARKED IN THE STREET WHERE THE BOMB DETONATED
RECEIVED SERIOUS DAMAGES. SOURCE REPORTED THAT THE AUSTRALIAN
AMBASSADOR'S WIFE WAS WALKING HER DOG ALONG THE STREET, WHEN
THE BOMB DETONATED; HOWEVER, SHE WAS UNINJURED. SOURCE ADVISED

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THAT FPA BOMB SQUAD EXPERTS WERE UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHAT TYPE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WAS UTILIZED AND THAT FPA INVESTIGATION HAS FAILED TO ESTABLISH THE REASON FOR THE BOMBING, SPECIFICALLY, WHETHER THE JAPANESE EMBASSY OR THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE MAY HAVE BEEN THE ACTUAL TARGETS OF THE BOMB. SOURCE NOTED THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF BELGRANO HAS NOT BEEN THE RECENT SCENE OF ANY STUDENT DISORDERS AND THUS IF THE UNIVERSITY OF BELGRANO WAS THE ^{TRUE} TARGET OF THE BOMBING~~S~~, THE MOTIVE IS NOT CLEAR. (S) (U)

SOURCE REPORTED THAT ON 9/8/75 THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT DECLARED THE MONTONERO GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION ILLEGAL, PLACING IT IN THE SAME CATEGORY WITH THE TROTSKYITE GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION, ~~THE~~ PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP). SOURCE NOTED THAT AT ONE TIME THE MONTONEROS CONSTITUTED A LEGAL POLITICAL ENTITY IN ARGENTINA, AND, IN FACT, HAD SUPPORTED THE RETURN OF DECEASED ARGENTINE PRESIDENT ~~PERON~~ JUAN DOMINGO PERON TO POWER IN 1973. (S) (U)

THE SOURCE NOTED THAT ALMOST ONE YEAR TO THE DAY PRIOR TO THE MONTONEROS BEING DECLARED ILLEGAL BY THE ARGENTINE (S) (U)

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GOVERNMENT, THE ORGANIZATION HAD ISSUED A DECLARATION OF
WAR AGAINST THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT AND INDICATING THAT ITS
MEMBERS WERE GOING UNDERGROUND IN ORDER TO WAGE THEIR CAMPAIGN
AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT. (S) (U)

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SOURCE IS COMISARIO INSPECTOR JUAN CARLOS GATTEI, CHIEF
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY, FPA. (S) (U)

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TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

ON SEPTEMBER 11, 1975 A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO
IS A RANKING FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA) OFFICIAL,
ADVISED THAT ON SEPTEMBER 10, 1975, FPA IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
TECHNICIANS, AFTER A LENGTHY PAINSTAKING EXAMINATION, MANAGED
TO CLASSIFY FINGERPRINTS TAKEN FROM A BADLY DECOMPOSED BODY OF
A MURDER VICTIM THAT HAD BEEN DISCOVERED IN LUJAN, BUENOS AIRES
PROVINCE ON APRIL 10, 1975. SOURCE NOTED THAT THE VICTIM HAD
BEEN SHOT IN THE BACK NUMEROUS TIMES AND DUMPED BY THE SIDE OF
A RURAL COUNTRY ROAD. SOURCE ADVISED THAT THE FINGERPRINTS
CORRESPONDED TO FRANK INGREY, AN EXECUTIVE (S) (U)

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT
FINANCIAL-INVESTMENT COMPANIES IN ARGENTINA,

OF THE ROBERTS FINANCIAL COMPANY WHO HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED ON
APRIL 1, 1975 BY A GROUP CALLING ITSELF THE AGRUPACION ALBORADA
(DAWN GROUP). SOURCE NOTED THAT INGREY WAS MARRIED TO THE
DAUGHTER OF CHARLES ROBERTS, THE ^{AILING} INCUMBENT DIRECTOR OF THE
ROBERTS FINANCIAL COMPANY. SOURCE RECALLED THAT INGREY'S
BROTHER-IN-LAW, CHARLES "CARLITOS" ROBERTS, ^{ALSO A ROBERTS FINANCIAL COMPANY EXECUTIVE,} WAS ALSO KIDNAPPED
ON APRIL 1, 1975, IN A SEPARATE INCIDENT FROM THE INGREY
KIDNAPPING, BY THE MONTONERO GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION AND RELEASED
A SHORT TIME THEREAFTER AFTER THE ROBERTS FAMILY HAD PAID A
RANSOM OF \$300,000. SOURCE ALSO NOTED THAT CHARLES LOCKWOOD,
AN EXECUTIVE WHO ^{IS A MEMBER OF} ~~SITS~~ ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SEVERAL
IMPORTANT BUENOS AIRES CORPORATIONS, INCLUDING THE ROBERTS
FINANCIAL COMPANY, IS MARRIED TO THE SISTER OF CHARLES ROBERTS,
SR., SUPRA. SOURCE NOTED THAT LOCKWOOD WAS KIDNAPPED ^{ON} DURING
JUNE 6, 1973, BY THE MONTONEROS GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION AND RELEASED
AFTER A RANSOM OF TWO MILLION DOLLARS WAS PAID. IN ADDITION,
SOURCE NOTED THAT LOCKWOOD HAD AGAIN BEEN KIDNAPPED, ^{IN JULY 1975,} THIS TIME
BY THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP) GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION
AND HAD BEEN FREED DURING AUGUST, 1975 BY THE BUENOS AIRES

PROVINCIAL POLICE ~~XXX~~ AFTER A VIOLENT SHOOTOUT IN BUENOS AIRES ~~(X)~~ (U)Approved: _____
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ON SEPTEMBER 12, 1975, Mrs. NORMAN INGREY, MOTHER OF VICTIM FRANK INGREY, ADVISED THAT AFTER HER SON'S KIDNAPPING ON APRIL 1, 1975, THE FAMILY, ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE KIDNAPPERS, ATTEMPTED TO MAKE A RANSOM PAYMENT IN SAN ISIDRO, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE, ON APRIL 4, 1975; HOWEVER, THE RANSOM WAS NOT PICKED UP. MRS. INGREY NOTED THAT BETWEEN THE TIME OF THE ABORTIVE RANSOM PAYMENT AND THE IDENTIFICATION OF HER SON'S FINGERPRINTS ON SEPTEMBER 10, 1975, THERE HAD BEEN NO CONTACT WITH HER SON'S KIDNAPPERS. MRS. INGREY NOTED THAT BECAUSE HER SON'S BROTHER-IN-LAW, ^{CHARLES "CARLITOS" ROBERTS,} AND HER SON'S UNCLE MY MARRIAGE, CHARLES LOCKWOOD, HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED BY THE MONTONEROS ORGANIZATION, ^{LOCKWOOD IN MAY 1975,} ROBERTS FINANCIAL COMPANY EXECUTIVES APPROACHED ATTORNEYS WITH THE BUNGE & BORN INVESTMENT COMPANY, WHO AT THE TIME WERE ACTIVELY NEGOTIATING WITH THE MONTONEROS GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION ^{TWO BUNGE AND BORN EXECUTIVES,} FOR THE RELEASE OF JUAN AND JORGE BORN, IN ORDER TO USE THE GOOD OFFICES OF THE BUNGE AND BORN ATTORNEYS TO RE-ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH THE MONTONEROS, PRESUMED TO BE HER SON'S KIDNAPPERS. (S) (U)

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MRS. INGREY ADVISED THAT THE MONTONEROS DISCLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INGREY KIDNAPPING. ~~S~~ (U)

ACCORDING TO THE FIRST SOURCE, FPA RECORDS AND THE FILES OF OTHER ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES CONTAIN NO REFERENCE TO THE AGRUPACION ALBORADA. ~~(S)~~ (U)

A SECOND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS AN EXECUTIVE OF AN AMERICAN WIRE SERVICE IN ARGENTINA, ADVISED THAT AFTER THE DEATH OF ARGENTINE PRESIDENT JUAN DOMINGO PERON ON JULY 1, 1974, UP TO SEPTEMBER 10, 1975, 705 INDIVIDUALS WERE KILLED AS A RESULT OF THE MOUNTING POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN ARGENTINA. THE SOURCE NOTED THAT INCLUDED IN THE 705 VICTIMS WERE 75 POLICE OFFICERS AND 34 MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO LOST THEIR LIVES AS A RESULT OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES. THE SOURCE NOTED THAT A MORE ACCURATE FIGURE OF VICTIMS OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN ARGENTINA DURING THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PERIOD WOULD PROBABLY BE CLOSE TO 800 TO 850 ^{WHO} ~~CONSIDERED~~ INDIVIDUALS/ DISAPPEARED AND WHO NEVER HAVE BEEN HEARD FROM AGAIN PRESUMABLY WERE VICTIMS OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE. FIRST [CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD IS
COMISARIO GENERAL PEDRO BRUNO GIACOMELLO, CHIEF OF CRIMINAL
INVESTIGATIONS, FPA.] (S) (U)

SECOND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD IS MORTON ROSEMBLUM,
BUENOS AIRES ^{SECRET} CHIEF, ASSOCIATED PRESS.

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WITH THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, PROVIDED THE
FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON SEPTEMBER 18, 1975: (S) (U)

ON SEPTEMBER 17, 1975, MEMBERS OF THE ARGENTINE TERRORIST
ORGANIZATION, THE EJERCITO DE LIBERACION (ARMY OF LIBERATION),
AUGUST 22ND FACTION, ASSASSINATED THE CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE
OF THE ARGENTINE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, RETIRED AIR FORCE VICE
COMMODORE ROLANDO SEGUNDO SILEON. SILEON WAS ASSASSINATED
IN BROAD DAYLIGHT
FOUR BLOCKS FROM HIS RESIDENCE IN A SMALL COMMERCIAL ESTAB-
LISHMENT LOCATED IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO A ~~LARGE~~ RAILROAD
STATION AND BUS TERMINAL. SILEON, WHO RETIRED FROM THE
ARGENTINE AIR FORCE IN 1970, WORKED AS AN ADVISOR ON POLICE
MATTERS TO THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR DURING THE PERIOD
FEBRUARY, 1971, THROUGH DECEMBER, 1973, WHEN HE TOOK UP (S) (U)

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HIS PRESENT POSITION AT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. THE ARMY OF LIBERATION, AUGUST 22ND FACTION, IS A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION THAT HAD ^{BROKE AWAY FROM} BELONGED ~~TO~~ THE TROTSKYITE GUERRILLA GROUP, THE PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP), ~~BUT BROKE AWAY FROM THE LATTER GROUP~~ ^{IT WAS ALLEGED THAT} SINCE THE ERP WAS NOT CARRYING OUT SUFFICIENT VIOLENT GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES TO TOPPLE THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. ~~(S)~~ (U)

A SECOND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS AN EXECUTIVE WITH THE BANK OF BOSTON, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON SEPTEMBER 18, 1975:

REACTING TO THE MOUNTING POLITICAL TERRORIST CAMPAIGN IN ARGENTINA, ~~THE~~ BANK OF BOSTON HEADQUARTERS IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, ^{FROM ARGENTINA} ORDERED THE IMMEDIATE TRANSFER/OF A BANK OF BOSTON OFFICIAL, CARTER GEORGE, WHO HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO BUENOS AIRES FOR THE PAST NINETEEN YEARS. ~~GEORGE'S TRANSFER WAS BASED ONLY ON THE TERRORIST THREAT.~~ ^{THE}

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ADMINISTRATIVE - [FIRST SOURCE IS COLONEL ALBERTO VALIN, (U) CHIEF, ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE] ~~(S)~~ SECOND SOURCE IS SECURITY, EMILIO RAMON REY (NA), DIRECTOR OF/BANK OF BOSTON, BUENOS AIRES.

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